Telecast of film Temptation of Christ

@562. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned the screening of the film Last Temptation of Christ; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the policy in regard to banning of films; and

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No application for certification of of the film 'Last Tempation of Christ' has so far been made to the Central Board of Film Certification.

(b) and (c) The Central Board of Film Certification examine films presented for issue for certificate for exhibition in India in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the Rules made thereunder as well as in accordance with the Guidelines for certification of films issued by the Central Government under Section 5B of the Act.

The objective of the Film Censorship is to ensure that the

(i) the medium of film remains responsible and sensitive to the values and standards of society;

(ii) artistic expression and creative freedom are not unduly curbed, and

(iii) censorship is responsive to social change.

@Previously Unstarred Question 364, transferred from the 4th November, 1988.

Vacant posts in the Railways

563. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one lakh posts are lying vacant in the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far to fill up those posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Total number of vacancies of Zonal Railways as obtining on 31-12-1987 was approximately 58,000.

(b) The vacancies are in different categories and in different groups.

(c) Vacancies keep occurring due to normal attrition, creation of new posts, etc. The vacancies are in both recruitment grade as well as promotion grade. In the recruitment grade, the vacancies are filled up by the Railway Administrations, either by making the recruitment themselves or by recruitment through Railway Recruitment Boards, giving due publicity to the recruitment. Vacancies in Group 'D' are at present mostly filled up by the screening and absorption of casual labour and substitutes as per extant instructions.

Vacancies to be filled by promotion are filled up by selection, suitability test, trade test, etc. in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Occurrence of vacancies and filling them are thus a part of a continuous process and these activities are continuously in progress.

Vacancies in South-Eastern Railway

564. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of vacancies in South-Eastern Railway at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof, category-wise;